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SEPARATION OUT AND ELIMINATION OF PARTICLES FROM  
FLUID STREAMS**

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Final Office Action dated August 2, 2010, please reconsider the above-identified patent application based on the following: